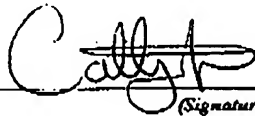


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Applicant notes with appreciation that the objections to Claims 2, 5, 19-21, 33 and 38 have been overcome by Applicant's response filed August 22, 2006.

Turning to the art rejection, Claims 1-3, 10, 11, 34-36, 43 and 44 stand rejected as anticipated by Halkyard (U.S. Patent No. 5,683,205). The rejection is again respectfully traversed.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has misconstrued what independent Claims 1 and 34 claim vis-à-vis the Halkyard reference. First of all with respect to Claim 1, the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action has stated: